

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are now pending in the application. Claims 12-16 are allowed. Minor amendments have been made to the specification and claims to simply overcome the objections to the specification and rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have removed the "preferably a shaft" portion of claim 1. As such, claim 1 is now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-11 are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that there is no prior art that anticipates claims 1-11. Specifically, the Examiner has not indicated the cancelled "preferably a shaft" language in his reasons for allowance of claims 1-11. Therefore, no new search is required. Since the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been overcome, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-11 depend from claim 1 and should therefore also be in condition for allowance as well. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-11 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (734) 354-5445.

Respectfully submitted,

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